



# UAW Local 774

## President's Report

### *Retirees Edition*

President Wence Valentin III



Tuesday May 10, 2022

### Upcoming UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter Meetings

The next UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter meeting is Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Retiree Chapter meetings take place in the upper and/ or lower meeting halls of UAW Local 774 located at 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207. Immediately following the meeting refreshments will be served in the lower Union hall.

\*All dates are subject to change

### Membership Meeting Change

For any Retirees who would like to attend the May Regular Membership meeting please note that the date has been changed to **Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022** at 10:00 am in the upper and/or lower meeting halls of UAW Local 774 located at 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207.

### Local 774 Retiree Chapter Annual Summer Picnic

Save the Date for the Local 774 Retiree Chapter Annual Summer Picnic: The Retiree Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Joseph's Country Manor and Grove, 275 Columbia Avenue, Depew New York. Tickets will be available at retiree meetings and at the UAW Local 774, Union Hall between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The last date to purchase Summer Picnic tickets is Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

**UAW Local 774**  
**Annual Retiree Summer Picnic**  
 Joseph's Country Manor & Grove  
 275 Columbia Avenue  
 Depew, NY  
**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
 Gates open at 11:00 AM  
 12:00 pm Lunch  
 5:00 pm Dinner  
 No Take-outs...all food to be consumed on premises  
**Donation \$20**   **No. «Number»**

### 2nd Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament

We are having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 1:00 pm at Chestnut Hill Golf course in Darien Center, NY. You must have (1) active or retired member in your foursome. The cost is \$100.00/person, due at sign up. Forms are available at the UAW Local 774 Union Hall. The tournament is limited to (36) foursomes. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the event. Volunteers will be provided lunch and dinner at no cost. All proceeds of this event will benefit the Variety Kid's Telethon. Please contact 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ted Maldonado at [tmaldonado@uaw774.com](mailto:tmaldonado@uaw774.com) for more info and/or to sign up. \*Limited spots are available.

## **Resolutions to the UAW Constitution**

The UAW Constitution provides the basis for the operation of our union, protects the interest of its members, and sets forth the rights, guarantees, and responsibilities of all of us who are members. The 38<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Convention will be held July 25 – 28, 2022 in Detroit, MI. Therefore, resolutions for changing/additions to the UAW Constitution are being accepted at this time. This pertains only to the UAW Constitution and not the UAW-GM National Agreement or Local Agreement.

Anyone who wishes to submit a resolution or amendment for the UAW Constitution may do so in writing. Forms are available at the Work Center, Union Hall, and on the UAW local 774 website [www.uaw774.com](http://www.uaw774.com).

Completed resolution forms need to be returned to the Union hall 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo NY 14207 NO LATER than Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The submitted resolutions proposals and Amendments will be voted on at the regular Membership Meeting:

**SUNDAY, May 22, 2022  
10:00 AM  
UNION HALL**

## **Election of Delegates to the UAW 38th Constitutional Convention**

There will be an Election of Delegates to the UAW 38th Constitutional Convention to elect (3) Delegates and (3) Alternate Delegates:

DATE: Tuesday June 14, 2022  
TIME: 5:30 AM to 12:00 AM – MIDNIGHT  
PLACE: UAW Local 774 Union Hall - 2939 Niagara St.  
Buffalo, NY 14207 – Downstairs

In the case of a run-off, the election will take place one week later on Tuesday June 21, 2022

**YOU MUST PRESENT VALID & LEGIBLE UAW, COMPANY OR GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID TO VOTE. ANY MEMBER WHO DOES NOT PROVIDE PROPER IDENTIFICATION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE.**

## **UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship Fund**

Applications for the UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship Fund are available at the Union Hall and on our Website - [uaw774.com](http://uaw774.com) or at the UAW Region 9 Website – [region9.uaw.org](http://region9.uaw.org)

The 2022 Scholarship consists of \$6,000.00 payable at \$1,500/year for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- A high school graduate.
- Current College/University student – **undergraduate degree only**
- Be a member of or have a spouse, parent, guardian, or grandparent, who is a member of a UAW Local Union in Region 9 (Central and Western New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania)
- Be accepted at an accredited institution of higher education.
- Maintain the equivalent of a “C” average for continuation of the scholarship.

**Deadline for applications is June 30, 2022**

## **UAW 2022 Family Scholarship**

Since 1970, thousands of UAW members and their families have participated in the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center Scholarship Program – changing their lives and those of their loved ones forever. Located in scenic Onaway, Michigan on Black Lake, the Center was envisioned by legendary UAW President Walter Reuther to be a place where UAW members and their families could come together to learn and relax. Through educational and recreational activities, the Family Scholarship Program provides an opportunity for adults and children to learn and think about how our union empowers us to change our workplaces and communities for ourselves and future generations.

All active or laid-off UAW members in good standing are eligible to apply for a Family Scholarship if they have never attended the program before. You must also be willing to use your regular vacation, personal leave or union leave time (where permitted by contract) to attend. Past participants are not eligible to reapply. Your spouse and children/grandchildren 4-18 years old may attend with you. You may be required to provide a birth certificate or proof of legal guardianship for each attending child.

If you are interested in applying for UAW Family Education Center Scholarship Program, you can obtain an application at the UAW Local 774 Union Hall, 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207

## **2022 Defensive Driving Course(s)**

Tuition is \$30.00 for UAW Active/Retired members and \$35 for non-UAW members. Advanced registration is required, contact Ken Ryan (716) 861-4896.

Time/Place: 10 am – 4 pm, Local 774 Union Hall – 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207

Saturday: May 21, 2022	June 18, 2022	September 17, 2022
October 22, 2022	November 22, 2022	December 17, 2022

\*All dates are subject to change

## **“Adopt-A-Highway” Cleanup, Conservation and Environment Committee**

We are in need of volunteers to help with our annual “Adopt-A-Highway” cleanup on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 10:30 am. We have adopted a 1+ mile section of River Road from the foot of Sheridan Dr. South to Vulcan St. Please bring a pair of gloves as we only have a limited amount. Refreshments will be provided; we will meet in front of the Local 774 Union Hall – 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207.

If you have any questions, please call or text me at (716) 628-6201 and provide your name and phone number for me to contact you. \*Rain Date – Saturday June 11, 2022

In Solidarity  
Douglas Seefeldt  
Chairman, Conservation and Environment Committee

## **Important Upcoming Dates and Events**

- Saturday May 21, 2022 – Defensive Driving Course, Contact Ken Ryan (716) 861-4896
- Saturday May 21, 2022 – Armed Forces Day
- Sunday May 22, 2022 – Regular Membership Meeting 10:00 am
- Monday May 30, 2022 – Memorial Day
- Sunday June 12, 2022 - Regular Membership Meeting 10:00 am
- Tuesday June 14, 2022 - Flag Day
- Tuesday June 14, 2022 - Retirees Chapter Meeting 1:00 pm
- Saturday June 18, 2022 - Defensive Driving Course, Contact Ken Ryan (716) 861-4896
- Sunday June 19, 2022 – Juneteenth

**Office of the Financial Secretary/Treasurer**

Brothers and Sisters,

Under the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA), local unions who represent members in the private sector with \$250,000 or more in total annual receipts are required to submit annual financial statements to the US Department of Labor. I have completed and on Wednesday March 30, 2022 signed and e-filed UAW Local 774's LM-2 form. Although preparation of the LM form is the responsibility of the Financial Secretary/Treasurer, the form **MUST** be signed by the Local Union President AND Financial Secretary/Treasurer before the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. This form is the government's way of regulating labor unions and ensuring that dues income is spent responsibly. In compliance with UAW International policy, the Local Union Executive Board and membership is now officially advised that this mandatory filing has been completed.

Lastly, For quarter one (Q1) of 2022 General Motors (GM) reported a North American Profit of \$3.1 billion dollars.

As always, I am available to provide assistance or answer any questions you may have and can be reached through Facebook messenger, (716) 873-4715 ext. 20 or [cjonesjr@uaw774.com](mailto:cjonesjr@uaw774.com).

Solidarity forever  
Cleveland Jones Jr.  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer  
UAW Local 774

**Veterans Committee**

Recently the UAW Local 774 Veterans Committee received two names of service members who are deployed in Poland. As a way to say thank you, the Veterans Committee purchased and shipped a care package full of snacks and goodies to both service members. On behalf of the Veterans Committee and Local 774 we say thank you for your service and wish you a safe return.

If you have any active military family or friends deployed overseas, please give their names and information to the Veterans Committee. 🇺🇸

In Solidarity  
Ted Maldonado Jr. – Chairman & Raymond Jensen Jr. - Co-Chairman  
Veterans Committee



**In Solidarity,**

**/s/ Wence Valentin III, President - UAW Local 774**